complaints of blackmarketing in railway tickets, cheating by touts continue unabatedly; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Adequate sitting arrangements are available in IRCA building which is centrally air-conditioned where bulk of the reservations are dealt with. Proper arrangements of fans and water coolers have been made at IRCA as well as other locations. For replying to enquiries regarding reservations, 12 telephone lines with hunting facilities have been provided.

(d) and (e) Some instances of unscrupluous elements/touts indulging in black-marketing and cornering of reserved accommodation and selling the same on premium have come to notice. To prevent this practice, surprise and regular checks are being organised from time to time and action is being taken against the persons found involved as per Railway's Act.

Commercial use of Railway land near Railway Stations

3023. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to construct shopping arcades, restaurants, cinema, offices, residential apartments in multistorey structures above the existing railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for doing so;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item titled "Commercial use of Railway land likely" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 30th May, 1994; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is for development of property by utilizing the airspace over railway land/buildings with a view to generating additional internal resources for financing Railways development works, as well as providing improved facilities at the stations for passengers.

The implementation of the proposal is subject to the Government's approval to the concept of commercial utilisation of land/airspace by Government Departments/Organisations.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The news item brings out the background to the proposal for property development by Railways, along with the scope and modalities of the same. Action has been initiated for identifying suitable sites with the maximum potential for resource generation and for preparation of conceptual plans for development at these states.

मध्य प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों तथा अंतर-राज्यीय सड़कों को चौड़ा किया जाना

3024. श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव: क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में उन राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों तथा अंतर-राज्यीय सड़कों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं, जिन्हें पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान चौड़ा करने/दो लेनों तथा चार लेनों में परिवर्तित करने का कार्य शुरू किया गया है;

(ख) इस कार्य पर अब तक कुल कितनी धनराशि खर्च हो चुकी है तथा अंतर-राज्यीय सड़कों के लिए उस राज्य को कितनी केन्द्रीय सहायता दी जायेगी;

(ग) क्या यह कार्य अपने निर्धारित समय से पीछे चल रहा है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाईटलर): (क) तथा (ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों अर्थात् 1991-92, 1992-93 और 1993-94 के दौरान राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों को चौड़ा करने के केवल दो कार्य संस्वीकृत किए गए हैं जो निम्नलिखित हैं:-